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HERE COMES...

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THE
GLADIATOR
GOES
WILD!

THE FIGHT WITHOUT FEARS

ONLY ONE OF
US WILL LEAVE
THIS CELL ALIVE,
DAREDEVIL!

ANY BETS
ON WHO
IT WILL
BE??



DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!™

THE GIRL--OR THE GLADIATOR?

THE DEEP-WINTER WIND LASHES YOUR CHEEK, MATT MURDOCK, AS THE POLICE LAUNCH SLICES THRU THE LESS-THAN-FRIENDLY WATERS...THE BOAT LURCHES SLIGHTLY...

BUT IT IS THE CRISP VOICE OF THE PILOT AT YOUR SHOULDER WHICH FINALLY PULLS YOU BACK TO REALITY...!

LITTLE *NIPPY* OUT
THIS MORNIN',
EH, MR. MURDOCK?

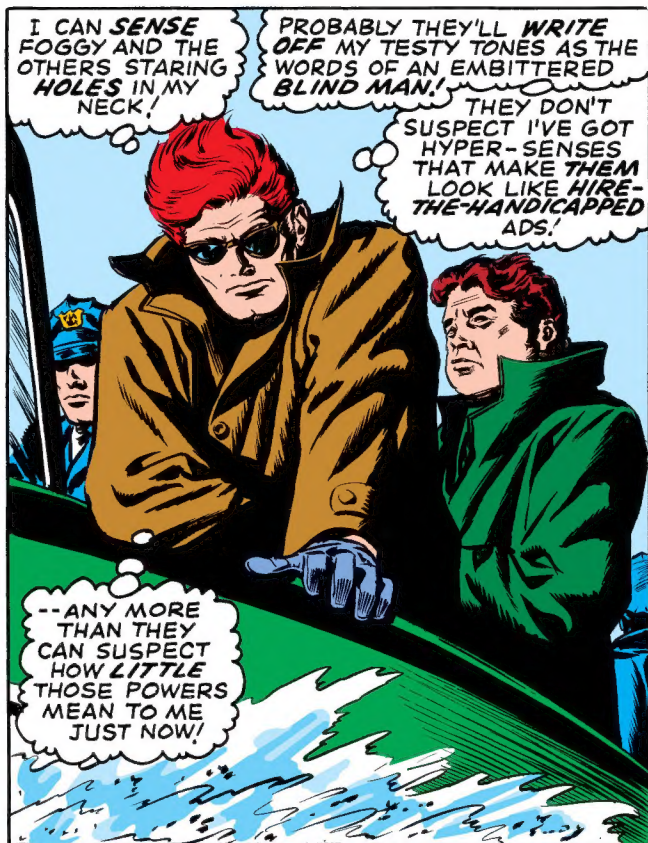
GUESS YOU CAN'T
WAIT TILL YOU'LL
BE GOIN' BACK TO
MANHATTAN, HUH?

**BELIEVE
ME, MY
BADGE-
TOTTING
FRIEND...**

YOU
DON'T
KNOW THE
HALF
OF IT!

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I CAN **SENSE** FOGGY AND THE OTHERS STARING **HOLES** IN MY NECK!

PROBABLY THEY'LL **WRITE OFF** MY TESTY TONES AS THE WORDS OF AN **EMBITTERED BLIND MAN!**

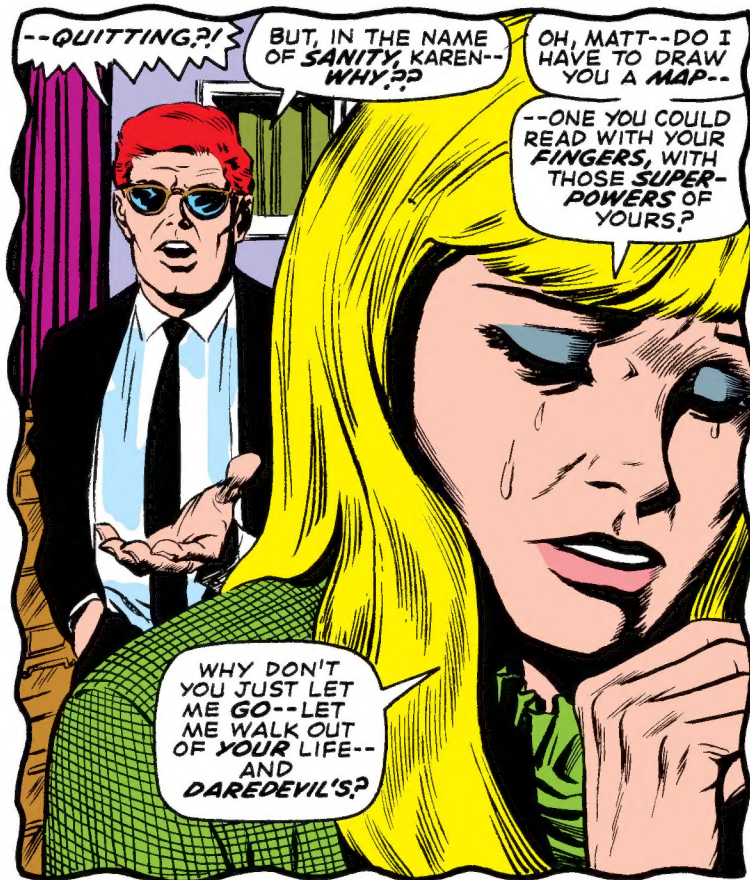
THEY DON'T SUSPECT I'VE GOT **HYPER-SENSES** THAT MAKE **THEM** LOOK LIKE **HIRE-THE-HANDICAPPED ADS!**

--ANY MORE THAN THEY CAN SUSPECT HOW **LITTLE** THOSE **POWERS** MEAN TO ME JUST NOW!



THERE ARE TIMES I WISH I'D NEVER **HEARD** THE NAME...**DAREDEVIL!**

TIMES LIKE JUST **HALF AN HOUR AGO**, WHEN THE GIRL I LOVE SAID SHE WAS--



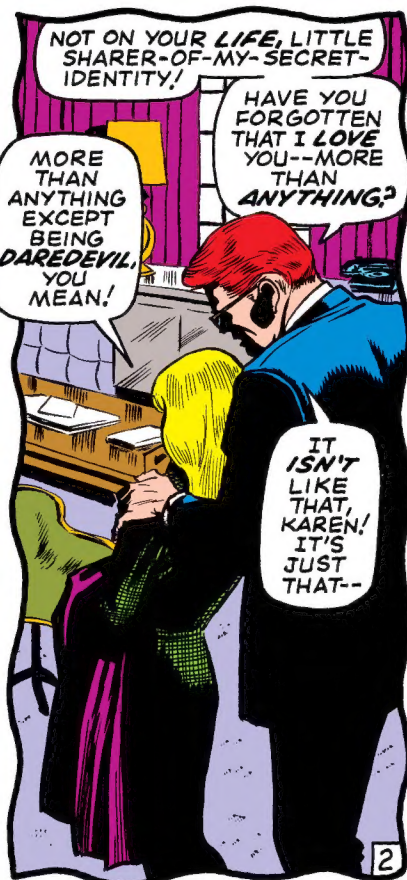
--**QUITTING?!**

BUT, IN THE NAME OF **SANITY**, KAREN-- **WHY??**

OH, MATT--DO I HAVE TO DRAW YOU A **MAP--**

--ONE YOU COULD READ WITH YOUR **FINGERS**, WITH THOSE **SUPER-POWERS** OF YOURS?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST LET ME **GO**--LET ME WALK OUT OF **YOUR** LIFE-- AND **DAREDEVIL'S?**

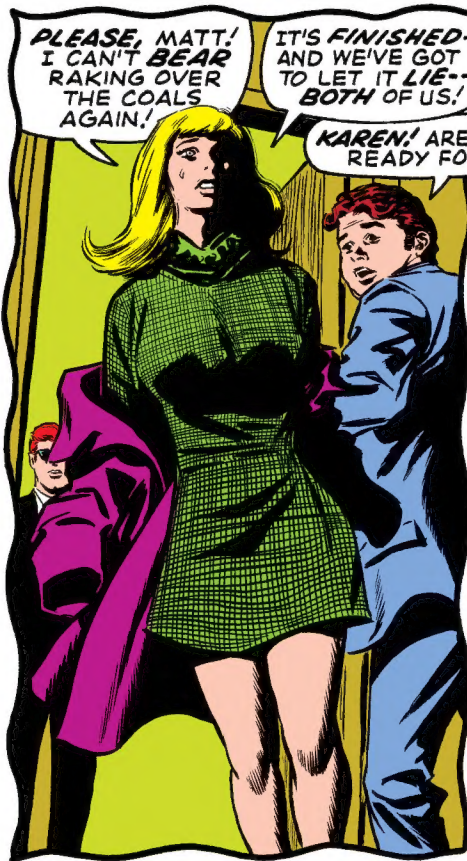


NOT ON YOUR **LIFE**, LITTLE **SHARER-OF-MY-SECRET-IDENTITY!**

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT I **LOVE** YOU--MORE THAN **ANYTHING?**

MORE THAN ANYTHING EXCEPT BEING **DAREDEVIL**, YOU MEAN!

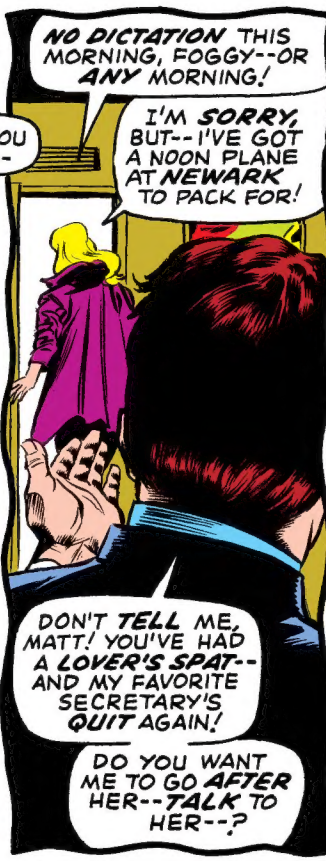
IT **ISN'T** LIKE THAT, KAREN! IT'S JUST THAT--



PLEASE, MATT!
I CAN'T **BEAR**
RAKING OVER
THE COALS
AGAIN!

IT'S **FINISHED**--
AND WE'VE GOT
TO LET IT **LIE**--
BOTH OF US!

KAREN! ARE YOU
READY FOR--



NO DICTATION THIS
MORNING, **FOGGY**--OR
ANY MORNING!

I'M **SORRY**,
BUT--I'VE GOT
A NOON PLANE
AT **NEWARK**
TO PACK FOR!

DON'T TELL ME,
MATT! YOU'VE HAD
A **LOVER'S SPAT**--
AND MY FAVORITE
SECRETARY'S
QUIT AGAIN!

DO YOU WANT
ME TO GO **AFTER**
HER--**TALK** TO
HER--?



NO, FOGGY...
IT'S **TOO**
LATE FOR
THAT!

MAYBE...IT
WAS **ALWAYS**
TOO LATE...
FROM THE DAY
WE **MET**...!



I SAID THAT...BUT I
NEVER **MEANT** IT,
NOT **DEEP** INSIDE!

KAREN'S MORE
IMPORTANT TO
ME THAN **LIFE**
ITSELF--LET
ALONE MY DOUBLE-
LIFE AS A SWASH-
BUCKLING
SHOWOFF!

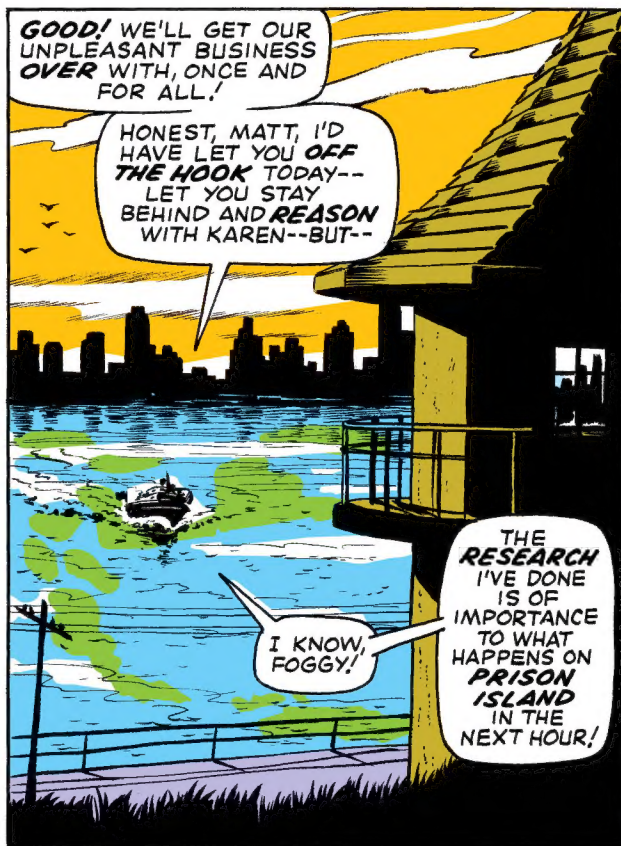
AND I'LL **TELL**
HER THAT--AS
SOON AS I
FINISH THIS
BUSINESS WITH
FOGGY--

--WHICH OUGHT
TO BE **WELL** IN
ADVANCE OF THAT
TWELVE O'CLOCK
JET!

I KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE **THINKING**,
OLD BUDDY--BUT
KAREN WON'T
REALLY LEAVE
ON THAT **JET**!

AFTER ALL, HOW
COULD SHE WALK
OUT ON A **CALM**,
STABLE, **LEVEL**-
HEADED TYPE
LIKE **MATT**
MURDOCK?

PRISON'S
DEAD
AHEAD,
MR. D.A.!



GOOD! WE'LL GET OUR UNPLEASANT BUSINESS OVER WITH, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

HONEST, MATT, I'D HAVE LET YOU OFF **THE HOOK** TODAY-- LET YOU STAY BEHIND AND **REASON** WITH KAREN--BUT--

I KNOW, FOGGY!

THE **RESEARCH** I'VE DONE IS OF IMPORTANCE TO WHAT HAPPENS ON **PRISON ISLAND** IN THE NEXT HOUR!

RIGHT, OL' BUDDY! WHERE WOULD THE **FIGHTIN' D.A.** BE WITHOUT HIS **SPECIAL ASSISTANT** TO BACK 'IM UP?

I WON'T LET YOU **DOWN, FOGGY!** I'VE DONE MY **HOMEWORK** FOR TODAY!



BUT IT'S **STILL** HARD TO FIGURE WHAT OUR PRISONER THINKS HE'LL **GAIN** BY CLAIMING HE'S **NOT--**



--THE **GLADIATOR!?**

BUT I'M **NOT** THAT VICIOUS WOULD-BE KILLER!

I'M **NOT**, I TELL YOU!!

PIPE DOWN, FELLA! US OTHER JAIL-BIRDS ARE TRYIN' TO GET SOME **SHUTEYE!**



BUT, I'M BEING **FRAMED**, DO YOU HEAR ME-- **FRAMED!**

THE POLICE CAN **BRING** ME HERE-- GIVE ME HIS **COSTUME--** HIS **HELMET--**

--THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M THE MAN WHO NEARLY DESTROYED **DAREDEVIL** AND **IRON MAN!**

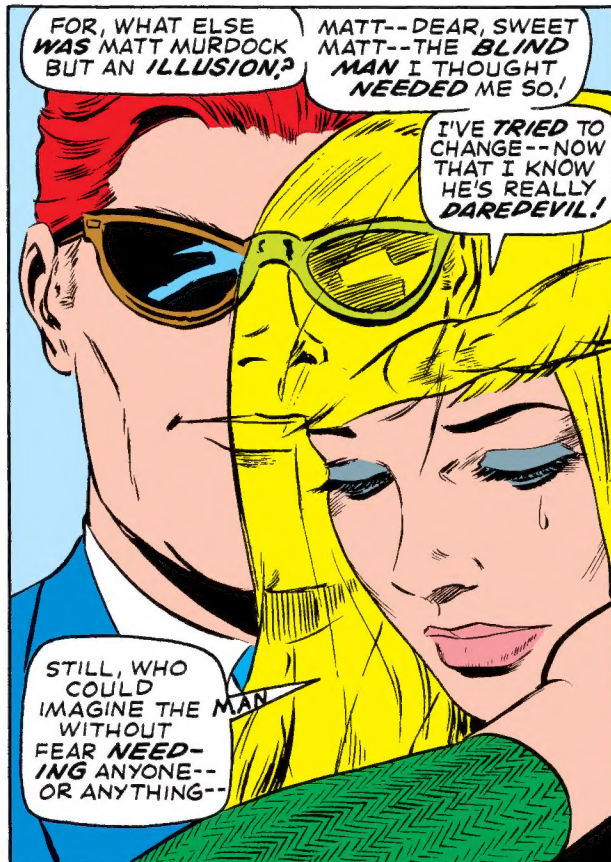
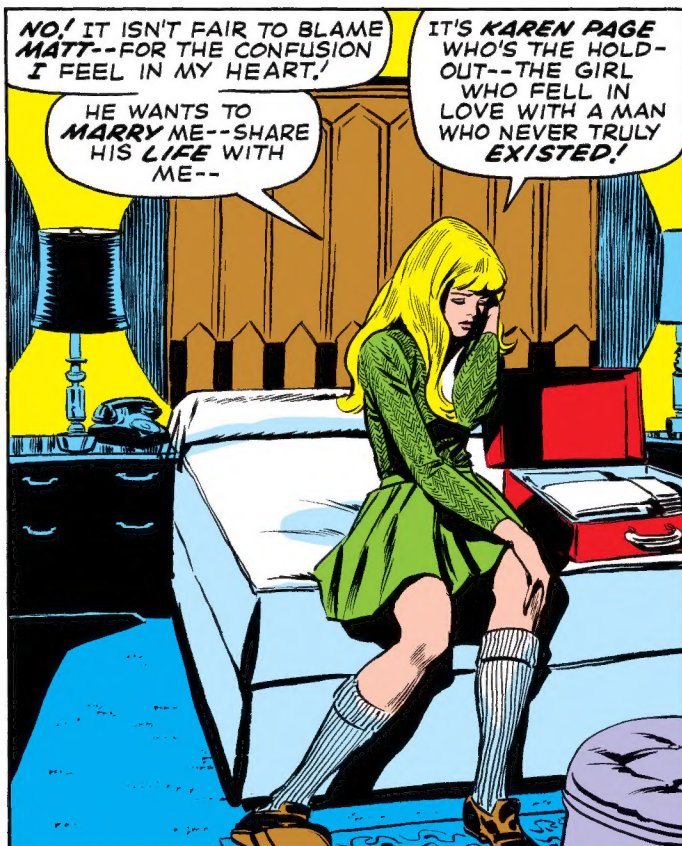
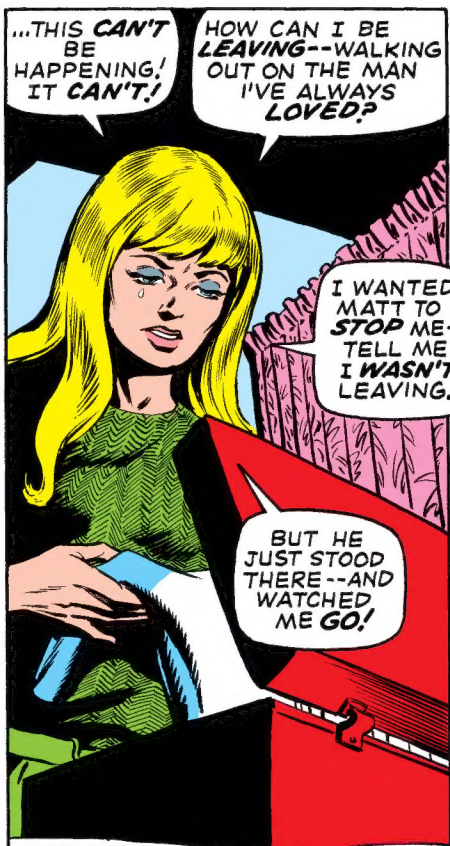


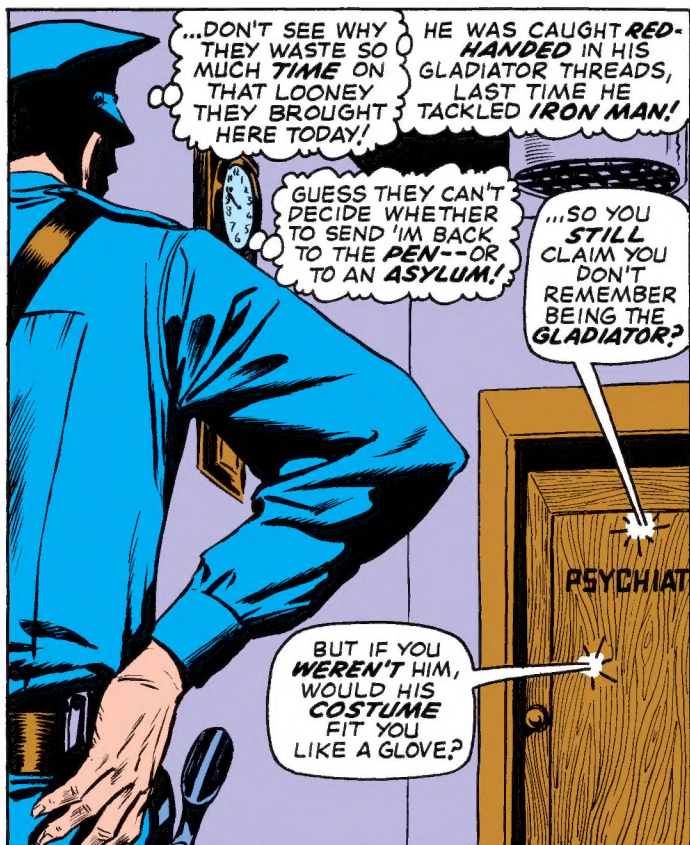
YOU-- **GUARD--** YOU'VE COME TO LET ME **OUT**, HAVEN'T YOU?

TO TELL ME IT'S ALL A CASE OF **MISTAKEN IDENTITY?**

YOU'RE OUTTA YOUR **SANDBOX**, GLADDY!

I CAME TO TAKE YOU TO THE **'SHRINK--** THAT'S **ALL!**





...DON'T SEE WHY THEY WASTE SO MUCH **TIME** ON THAT LOONEY THEY BROUGHT HERE TODAY!

HE WAS CAUGHT **RED-HANDED** IN HIS GLADIATOR THREADS, LAST TIME HE TACKLED **IRON MAN!**

GUESS THEY CAN'T DECIDE WHETHER TO SEND 'IM BACK TO THE **PEN**--OR TO AN **ASYLUM!**

...SO YOU **STILL** CLAIM YOU DON'T REMEMBER BEING THE **GLADIATOR?**

BUT IF YOU **WEREN'T** HIM, WOULD HIS **COSTUME** FIT YOU LIKE A **GLOVE?**



ANYONE CAN GET MY MEASUREMENTS, **DOCTOR**--FROM THE **WARDEN** AT STATE PRISON!

TELL ME--IF I **WERE** A SUPER-VILLAIN, WHAT WOULD I HAVE TO GAIN BY CLAIMING I AM **NOT?**

FREEDOM, GLADIATOR--OR SO YOU **HOPES!**



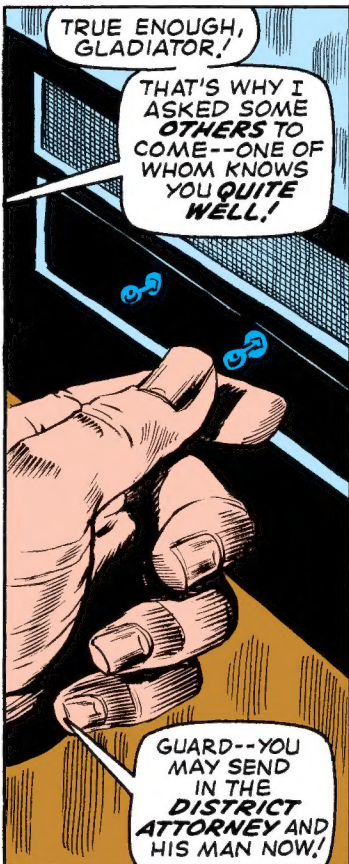
YOU KNOW FULL WELL THIS ISN'T A **MAXIMUM-SECURITY** PRISON LIKE THE ONE YOU WERE SENTENCED TO!

YOU **ALSO** KNEW YOU'D BE SENT HERE FOR **OBSERVATION**--IF THERE WERE SOME DOUBT OF YOUR **SANITY!**

BUT YOU **WON'T** ESCAPE--SO WHY DON'T WE **END** THIS LITTLE CHARADE?

CHARADE, DOCTOR?

IF YOU TRULY **KNEW** I WAS LYING, I WOULD NOT **BE** HERE!



TRUE ENOUGH, GLADIATOR!

THAT'S WHY I ASKED SOME **OTHERS** TO COME--ONE OF WHOM KNOWS YOU **QUITE WELL!**

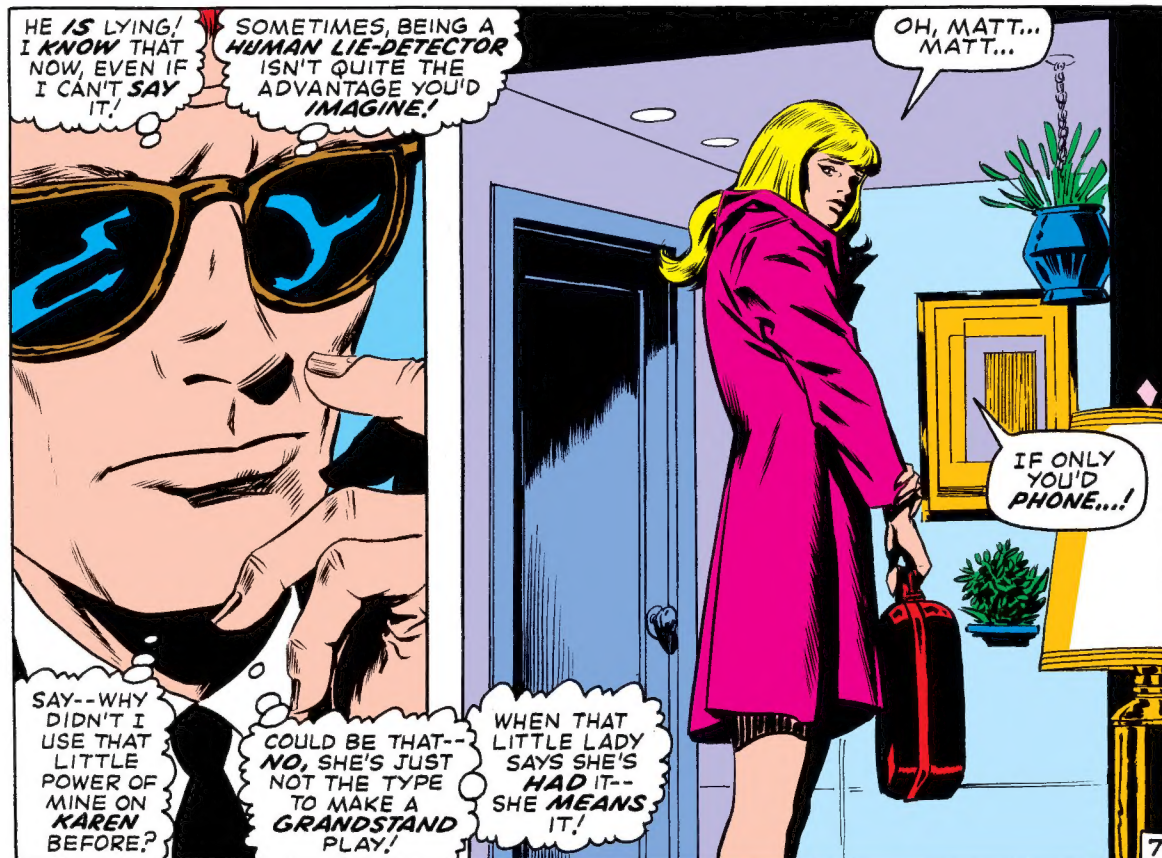
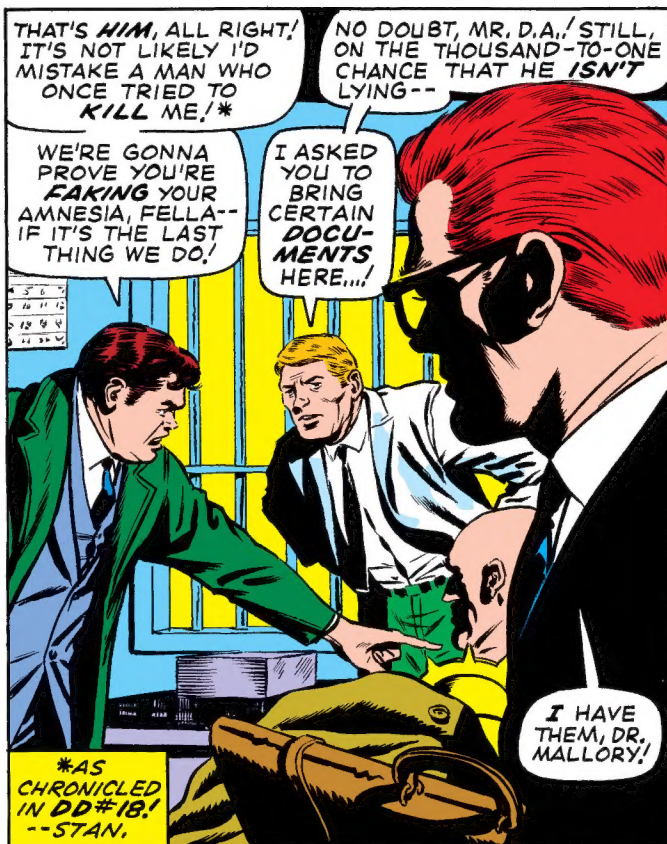
GUARD--YOU MAY SEND IN THE **DISTRICT ATTORNEY** AND HIS MAN NOW!



THE **DISTRICT ATTORNEY?** BUT--I HAVE NEVER MET THE MAN BEFORE!

BRINGING SUCH A ONE HERE WILL PROVE NOTHING--**NOTHING!**

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, FRIEND!





BUT, I'VE
SPENT **ENOUGH**
TIME WAITING
FOR **DREAMS**
TO COME TRUE!

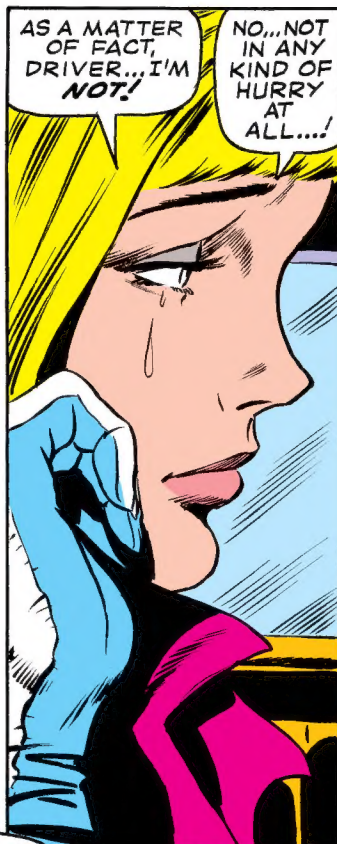
I SHOULD
KNOW BY
NOW--THAT
DOESN'T
HAPPEN IN
REAL LIFE!



**NEWARK
AIRPORT,
PLEASE!**

I'M
CATCHING
A PLANE
THERE!

SURE **THING**,
LADY! HEY--
YOU SURE DON'T
ACT LIKE YOU'RE
IN A **HURRY** TO
GET THERE!



AS A MATTER
OF FACT,
DRIVER... I'M
NOT!

NO...NOT
IN ANY
KIND OF
HURRY
AT
ALL....!



...WE'RE GETTING
NOWHERE
CONFRONTING
THE GLADIATOR
WITH MERE
DOCUMENTS,
NELSON!

I SUGGEST
YOU PLAY
YOUR
SUPPOSED
**ACE IN
THE HOLE!**

MIGHT
AS **WELL**,
DOCTOR!
AND THAT
ACE IS--
THESE!



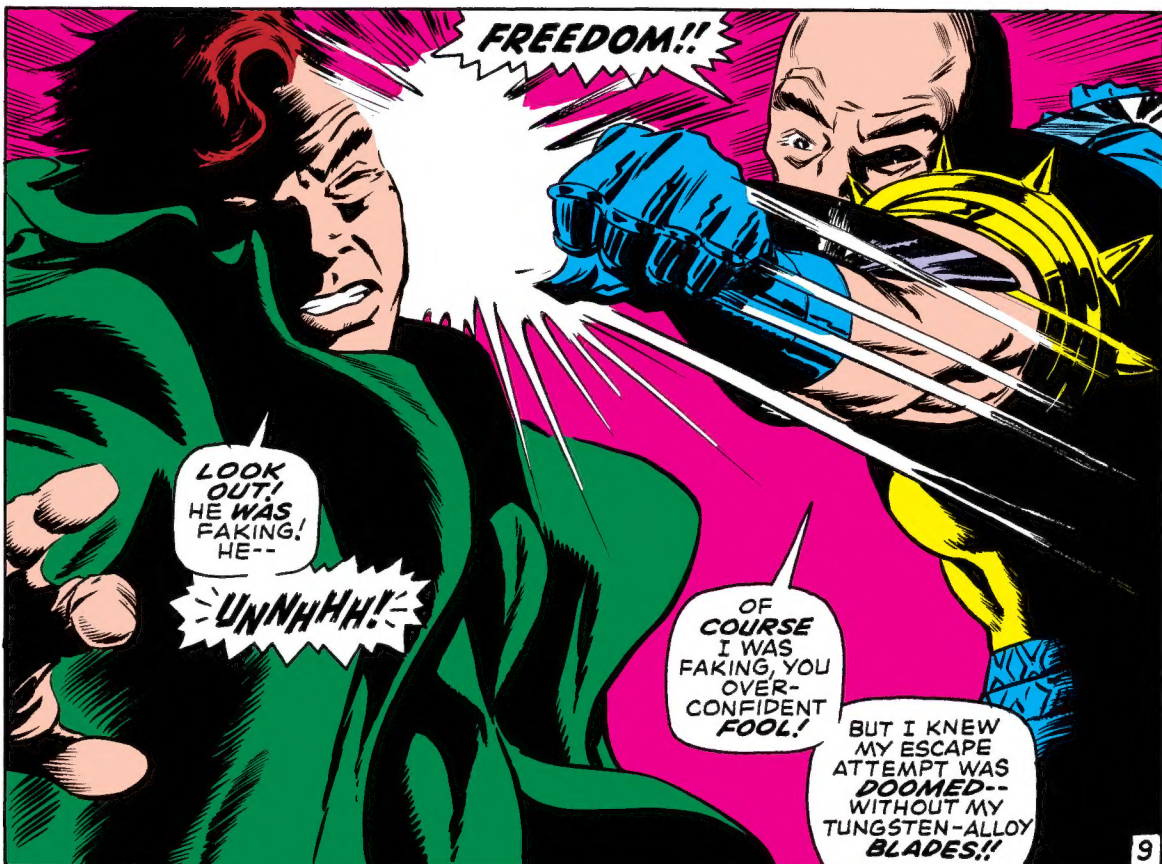
WHAT? SOME
SORT OF
CIRCULAR
SAW BLADES?

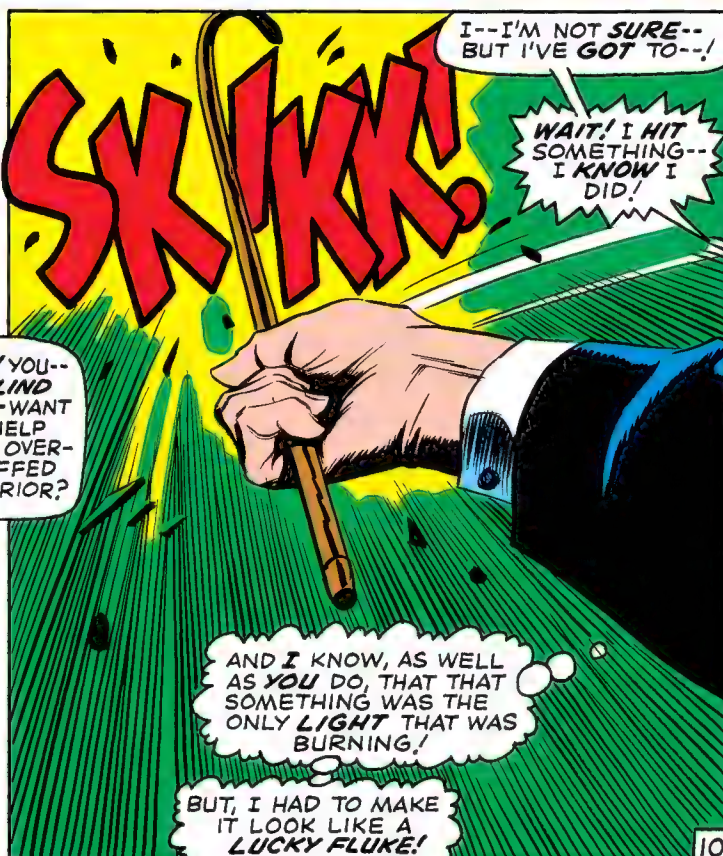
WHAT WOULD
I HAVE
WANTED
WITH THINGS
LIKE **THESE?**

TO KILL **ME**
OR **DAREDEVIL**,
FOR ONE
THING!

HERE--
HOLD 'EM!
MAYBE
IT'LL ALL
COME **BACK**
TO YOU!

BUT DON'T
TRY ANY
**FUNNY
BUSINESS!**







SOUNDS LIKE **BROTHER BUZZSAW** IS TAKING A POWDER!

AND THAT MEANS--MILD-MANNERED **MATTHEW** DOES THE SAME!



BAH! THERE'S NO USE FLAILING ABOUT IN THE DARK!

MY **VENGEANCE** IS HARDLY AS IMPORTANT AS--MY **ESCAPE!**



...THIS NEW BULB OUGHTTA DO IT!

BUT--HE'S GONE--

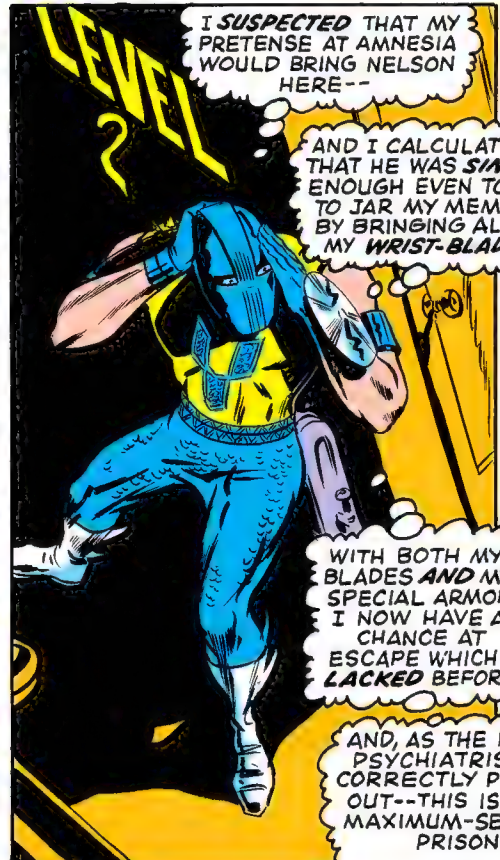
--AND SO IS **MATT!**

THE **GLADIATOR** MUST HAVE GRABBED HIM AS A **HOSTAGE!**

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HIM--!

DON'T WORRY, MR. D. A.!

WE'LL FIND THAT CREEP-- AND YOUR BUDDY!



I **SUSPECTED** THAT MY PRETENSE AT AMNESIA WOULD BRING NELSON HERE--

AND I CALCULATED THAT HE WAS **SIMPLE** ENOUGH EVEN TO TRY TO JAR MY MEMORY BY BRINGING ALONG MY **WRIST-BLADES!**

WITH BOTH MY **BLADES** AND MY SPECIAL ARMOR, I NOW HAVE A CHANCE AT ESCAPE WHICH I **LACKED** BEFORE!

AND, AS THE PRISON PSYCHIATRIST SO CORRECTLY POINTED OUT--THIS IS **NOT** A MAXIMUM-SECURITY PRISON!



IF ONLY I HAD DARED TACKLE THAT HOOD **INSIDE!**

BUT, **NOBODY** WOULD HAVE BELIEVED A BLIND MAN COULD TAKE THE **GLADIATOR!**

IN FACT, I'M **STILL** NOT DEAD CERTAIN I CAN!

HE'S ONE OF THE **STRONGEST** AND **DEADLIEST** FOES I'VE EVER FACED!

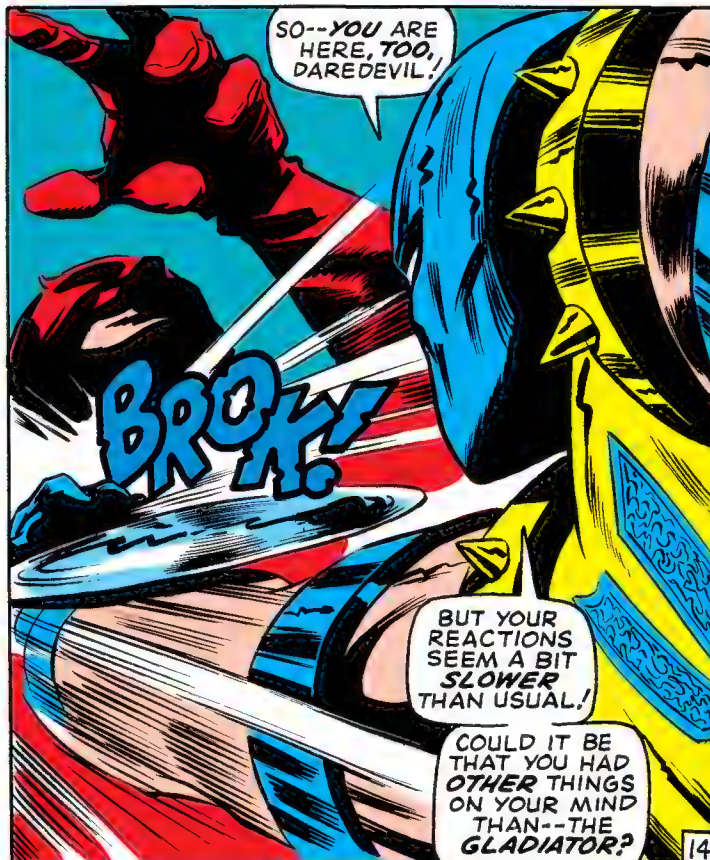
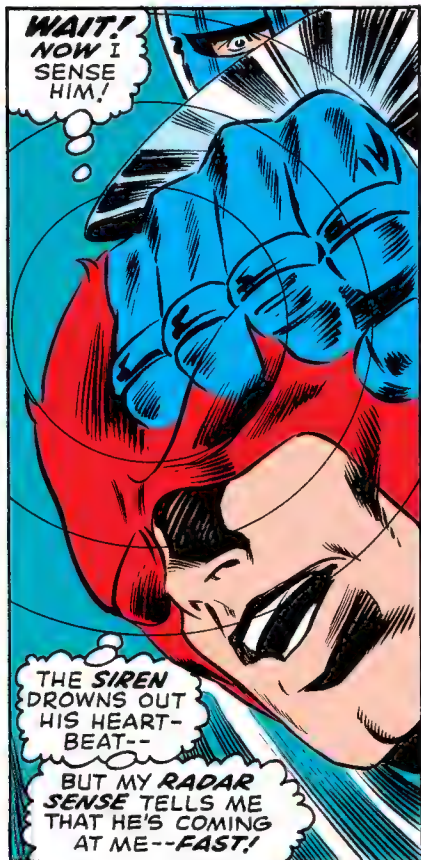
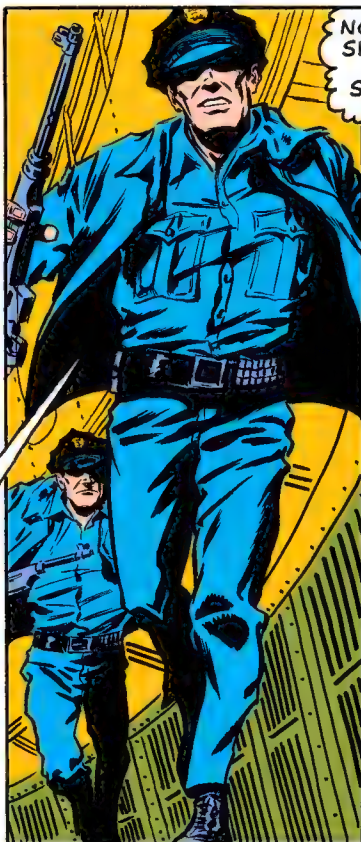
BUT, **DEFEATIST** TALK WILL GET ME **NOWHERE**, SO--

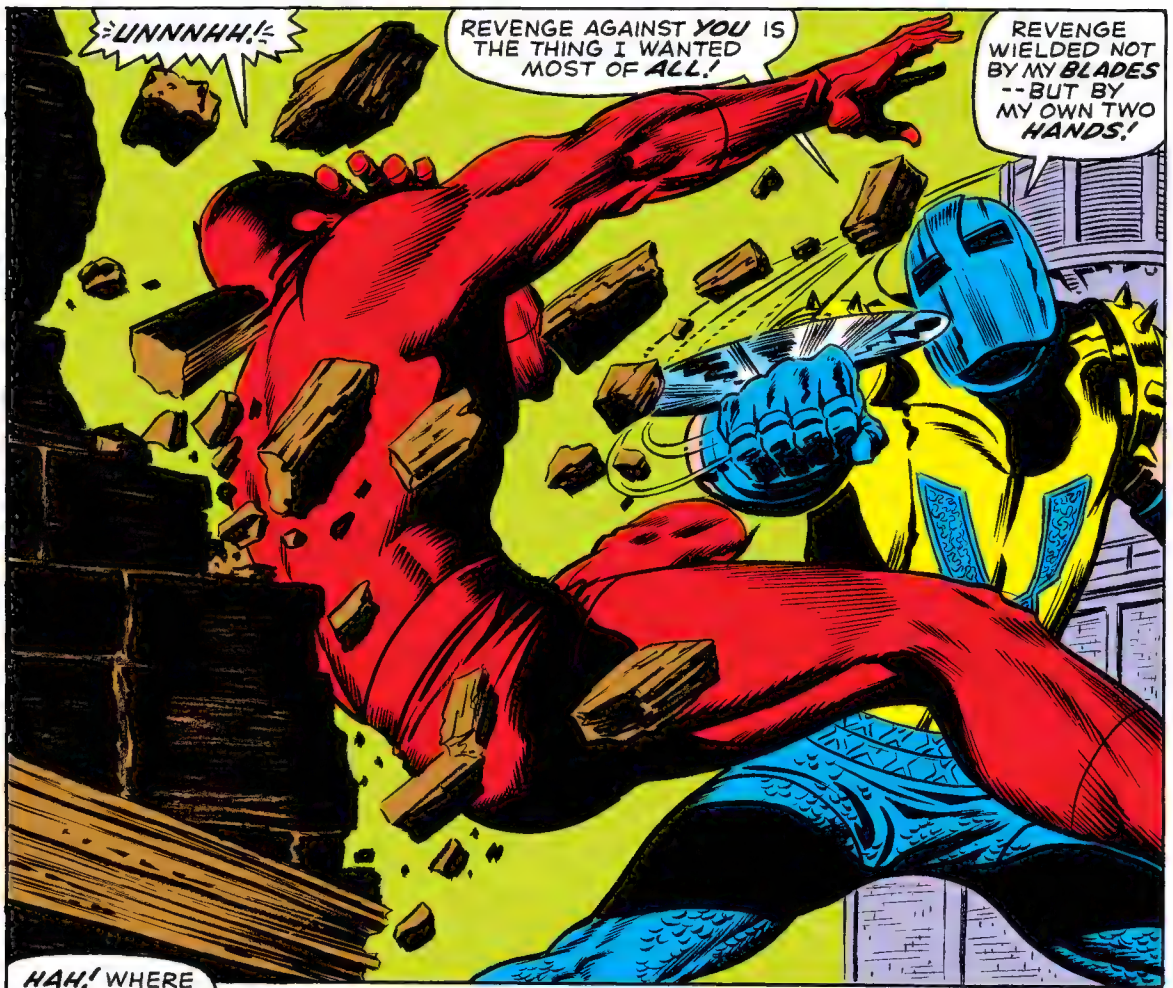


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UNNNHH!!

REVENGE AGAINST *YOU* IS THE THING I WANTED MOST OF *ALL*!

REVENGE WIELDED NOT BY MY *BLADES* -- BUT BY MY OWN TWO *HANDS*!



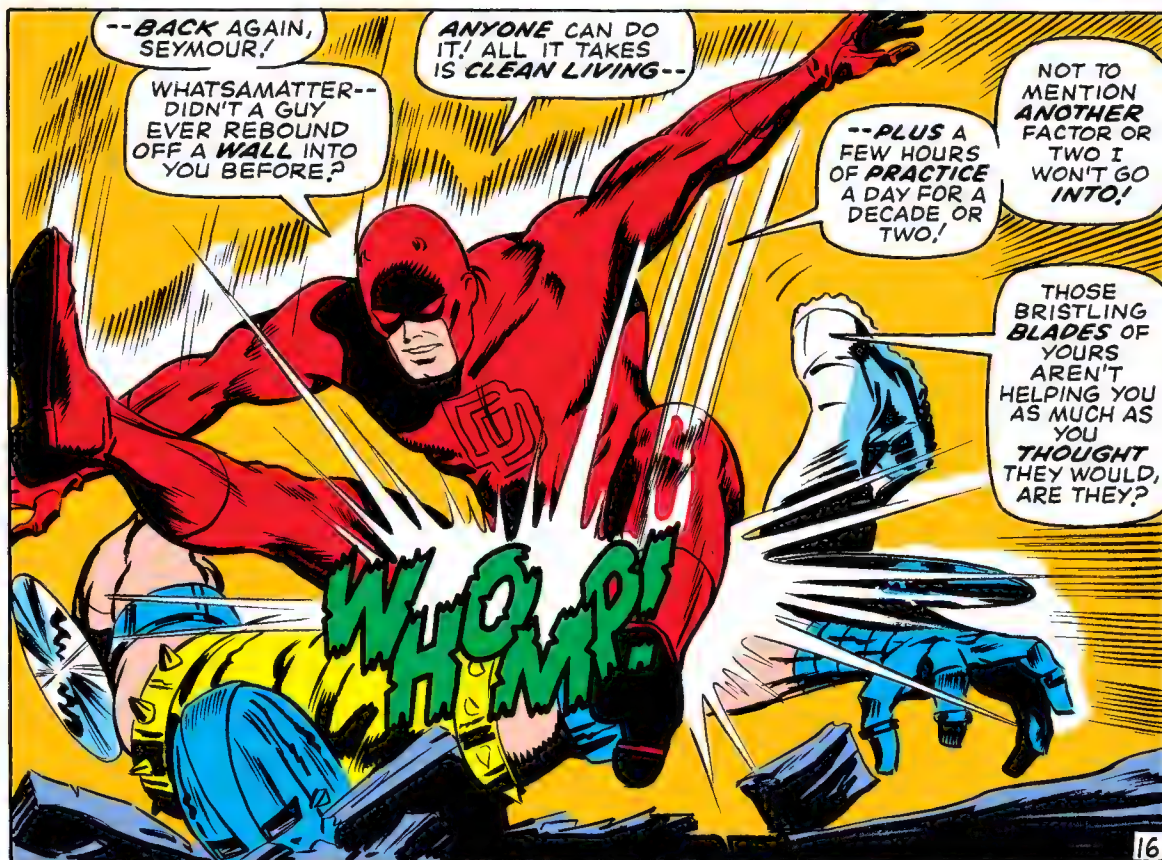
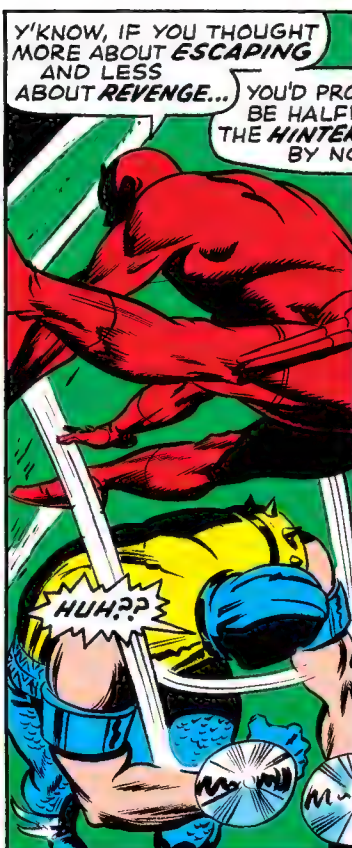
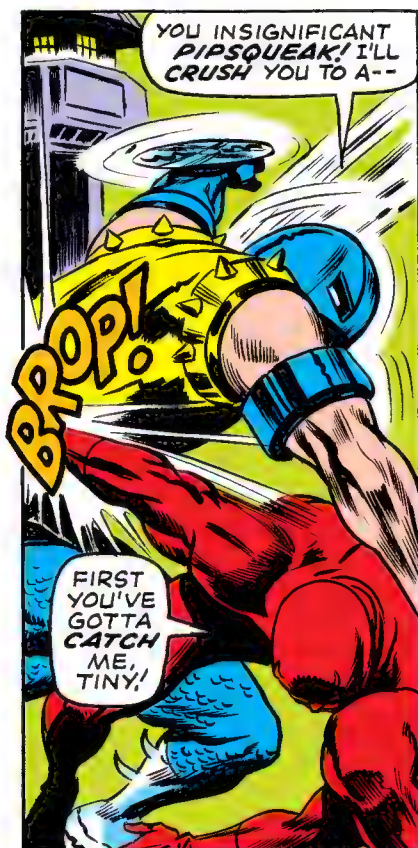
HAH! WHERE NOW YOUR VAUNTED *JESTS* OF YESTERDAY, DAREDEVIL?

HAVE YOU NO *JOKES* ABOUT YOUR IMPENDING *DOOM*?

I FIGURED-- YOU WERE DOING-- ENOUGH TALKING FOR *BOTH* OF US--



-- BUT, SINCE YOU ASKED ME SO *SWEETLY*--!





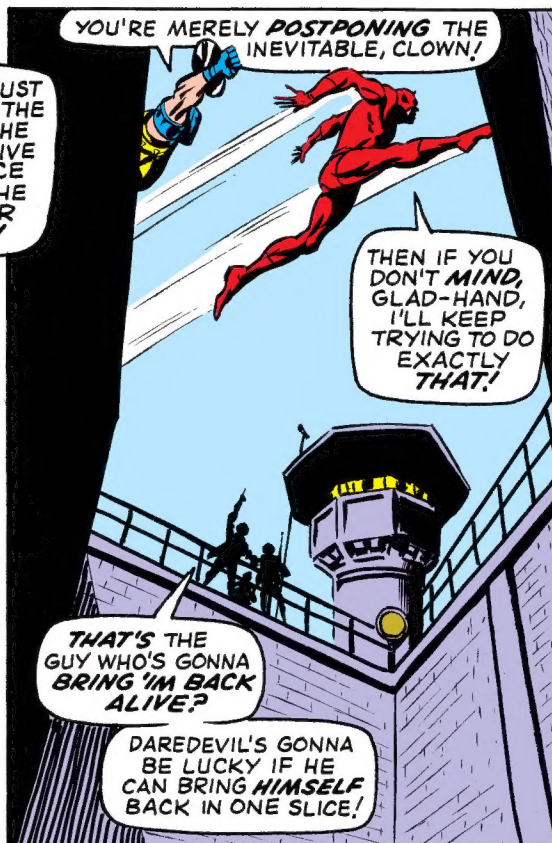
MY THANKS FOR THE **REMINDER**, FOOL!

THEY'LL FINISH YOU-- WHERE MY SHEER BRAVN MIGHT NOT!

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HOLD IT, SAM!

THE WORD JUST CAME FROM THE **WARDEN**--HE WANTS TO GIVE DD A CHANCE TO TAKE THE **GLADIATOR** ALIVE!



YOU'RE MERELY **POSTPONING** THE INEVITABLE, CLOWN!

THEN IF YOU DON'T **MIND**, GLAD-HAND, I'LL KEEP TRYING TO DO EXACTLY **THAT**!

THAT'S THE GUY WHO'S GONNA BRING 'IM BACK ALIVE?

DAREDEVIL'S GONNA BE LUCKY IF HE CAN BRING **HIMSELF** BACK IN ONE SLICE!



THAT SEVEN-FOOT SAMSON IS TREADING RIGHT ON MY **HEELS**!

GOOD THING I USED MY FINGERTIPS TO STUDY A **FLOOR-PLAN** OF THIS PLACE LAST NIGHT!

AT LEAST I KNOW THAT THIS DOOR LEADS TO A NEWLY-BUILT ROW OF **EMPTY CELLS**!



SO--YOU WOULD TRY TO PUT THAT **METAL DOOR** BETWEEN US, EH?

YOU WERE **TOO SLOW**, DAREDEVIL--**MUCH TOO SLOW**!

I'M COMING **THRU** IT--AND YOU CANNOT **STOP** ME!



IN **THAT** CASE, BIG BOY, I MIGHT AS WELL GIVE YOU A **HAND**!

CAUGHT HIM **OFF GUARD** WITH THAT ONE--BUT I'M NOT **KIDDING** MYSELF!

HE'LL JUST BE **ANGRIER** THAN EVER--AND I'M ALMOST OUT OF **TRICKS**!

